EDITORIAL

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Hello again CRUX with MAYHEM readers. Is it April already? I just wanted to thank you for your patience as I ease into my role as editor of this great publication many months later than I would have liked. You may (or may not) have noticed some subtle changes already. For one thing, we have a new font that is a lot more user friendly from my end. We have also changed the package that we use to create diagrams so it is much easier to create nicer looking diagrams.

We are in the process of going through a couple of years of proposals to decide which ones we will use in the journal. The hope is that you will hear about the fate of your proposals soon after you have submitted them. It is the plan that in the next couple of months we will review the problems that have already been submitted in 2011. After that point, as we continue to work our way through the older problems still in our banks, problem proposers will be informed of the status of their proposal in a much more timely fashion. We will also look into classifying problems so we can inform proposers which areas already have a long queue of problems waiting to appear and which areas have a shortage.

We are still behind publication schedule and will be for the remainder of 2011, but we should be closer to our real schedule going into 2012 (so you should get the February issue before July!). We will continue to use the “old” deadlines in print, but deadlines will be extended until we are ready to work on the material.

A CRUX with MAYHEM page has been created on Facebook at

www.facebook.com/pages/
Crux-Mathematicorum-with-Mathematical-Mayhem/152157028211955.

Updates to our progress will be posted on the site. Messages informing you when certain problems have been sent to the editors for moderation will appear to give you a better idea of what the “real” deadline for the problems will be. We will also give you some hints as to what will appear in future issues.

As I mentioned in an earlier editorial we are looking to make some changes. With increases in publishing and mailing costs we are exploring alternate ways to deliver CRUX with MAYHEM. Also, in an increasingly digital world, we are looking into ways that we can better interact with our readers. We hope that, sometime in the not too distant future, CRUX with MAYHEM readers can submit problem proposals and solutions online. You would then be able to check the status of your proposal to see if it has been accepted and when it is projected to appear.

We are preparing a short online survey to get some feedback on various parts of CRUX with MAYHEM and to get your input into some of the proposed changes. Check the Facebook page for details and please take a few minutes to give us your opinion.